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FROM JIDDA RPTD TO YOU:
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SUBJ: US BACKING FOR SUMED PIPELINE--HELPFUL TO
US-SAG RELATIONS

REF: STATE 138479

ROGER TAMRAZ, CHAIRMAN KIDDER, PEABODY BEIRUT, BRIEFED
DCM JULY 17 ON K-P'S PROPOSAL FOR FINANCING SUMED PIPE-
LINE. WE ASSUME FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT,
BUT BELIEVE IT WORTH POINTING OUT THAT US FINANCING
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (PROBABLY BECHTEL) OF EGYPT'S
LARGEST INDUSTRIAL PROJECT SINCE HIGH DAM COULD BE
HELPFUL ALSO TO US-SAUDI RELATIONS. FAISAL'S INTEREST
IN CONTINUED CLOSE AND FRIENDLY TIES WITH SADAT IS WELL
KNOWN, AND HE WOULD BE GRATIFIED BY EVIDENCE THAT US
ECONOMIC TIES TO EGYPT IMPROVING. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IF
GOE ACCEPTS US PROPOSALS FOR SUMED, SAG MIGHT BE LESS
CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY ARAB CRITICISM IF IT WERE
TO ACCEPT ANY OF SEVERAL LARGE US OFFERS RE ENERGY SALES
AND PETROCHEMICALS.

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